

## RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAKE WILDWOOD ASSOCIATION

A Resolution opposing the removal of Englebright Dam and Lake, and any designation whether wild, scenic or recreation, on the South Yuba River as proposed in SB496.

**W**HEREAS, Englebright Dam was constructed in 1941 as a multiple purpose dam to contain sediment washing downstream, provide flood control and hydropower, and

**W**HEREAS, Englebright Lake provides a valuable recreation site for numerous Lake Wildwood residents as well as recreationists from Nevada County and many other areas, and

**W**HEREAS, removal of Englebright Dam would necessitate taking water from Jackson Meadows Reservoir for the Middle and South forks of the Yuba River to enhance fish survival. This taking of water will cause water shortages for present users including agriculture and community uses, and

**W**HEREAS, Englebright Dam and the South Yuba River provide water for electric power generation necessary to provide power to the local citizens and businesses, and

**W**HEREAS, Englebright Dam has helped to make the Lower Yuba River one of the most successful fisheries in California. The Englebright Dam helps optimize Steelhead and Salmon habitats by reducing flow fluctuations which maintain a healthy fish habitat, and provides a source of additional water during critical life stages and dry years, and,

**W**HEREAS, Englebright Dam has a major secondary use in providing flood control by reducing downstream peak flood flows, providing additional safety for downstream residents, and

**W**HEREAS, the California Department of Forestry states that Englebright Reservoir provides two very important fire protection benefits. It acts as a nearby source for fighting fires, such as the 49er and Bridgeport fires and acts as a large firebreak for strategic use when fighting fires, and

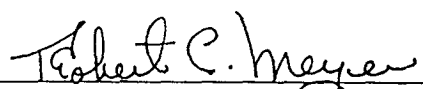
**W**HEREAS, maintaining a realistic water level in Lake Wildwood, which enhances the habitat, appearance and property values, is an objective of the Lake Wildwood Community Association, and

**W**HEREAS, due to the valuable current uses of water from the South Yuba River existing today, it would be detrimental to the entire watershed to nullify the uses by designations that are severely restrictive, could potentially deny users an adequate supply of water to satisfy needs and expectations, and deny private property rights,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors of Lake Wildwood Association, a community of 5,500 residents, does hereby oppose the removal or decommissioning of Englebright Dam and any designation of the South Yuba River as wild, recreation or scenic. The loss of the many practical and environmental benefits will cause irreparable damage to the property values and life styles of the residents of Lake Wildwood and the surrounding area.

**A**DOPTED BY, the Board of Directors of the Lake Wildwood Association at its regular meeting, held on March 23, 1999, by the following vote:

Ayes Seven  
Noes Zero  
Absent Zero  
Abstentions Zero

  
Robert C. Meyer, President